

The FCC should not permit Sinclair Broadcasting to require the stations it owns to air a blatantly political message. How can we claim to the rest of the world that we have a fair, open, and democratic political process if we allow wealthy station owners to hijack the airwaves for their own political purposes? The airways belong to the public. Broadcasters like Sinclair are making money by licensing a public commodity; this privilege comes with a responsibility to provide fair and balanced treatment of political issues and political personalities. Blatant attempts to influence the outcome of elections are not in the public innterest and should be banned. I hope the FCC will not prove that it is a proud agency, looking after the public interest, rather than a wholly owned subsidiary of the Republican National Committee.